

The Home Rulers, in trying to apologize for the Legislature, say that they were thwarted by the Governor. It is an example of the fact that a poor excuse is better than none. Assuredly the Governor did not compel the legislature to withhold the money needed to carry out their own appropriation bills nor did he inspire them to spend three days wrangling over the spelling of the word "forty," or a week in debating the merits of a dog bill. When they took time needed for law-making in trying to get a private rebate from printing offices on jobs for the House and Senate and in seeking a subsidy for Wilcox, they did not visit the Governor with any responsibility for their acts. On the forty-third day of the session they had sent but seven bills to the Governor and some of these were glaringly unconstitutional. But during that time they had wasted a week denying the right of the Governor to sign his name without his title and in denying the right of Secretary Cooper even to sit among the legislative spectators. If there was any working time left over it was used in debating Mahoe's bill to fix the price of fish at ten cents a pound, in getting boodle lunches at Nolle's and in trying to repeal Federal laws. The Home Rule members, though having a two-thirds majority in the House and all but a two-thirds majority in the Senate, were everlastingly jabbering over something they did not understand or resting between heats. They were "long" on killing time. They evaded evening session until the very last and shirked duty on Saturdays; and were always ready to take a few hours off for a luau or a drink, or a chat with Col. Mazuma. What part did the Governor have in that except to urge diligence in passing reasonable bills? All the thwarting he did was directed against follies or crimes.

The truth is that the Home Rulers deliberately wasted the first sixty days and the additional thirty days of the session in the hope that their neglect to pass revenue and other needed bills would compel the Executive to call an extra session of sixty days more. They wanted further time for the sake of the salaries and the perquisites. The ninety day vaudeville cost the taxpayers \$1000 per day; and a sixty day vaudeville would have netted the legislators \$60,000 more. The Governor balked at the \$60,000 demand, all honor to him, but that did not make him responsible for the fact that the people of the Territory got practically nothing back from the outlay of \$90,000.

The net result to the business interests of the legislative failure was a lowering of financial confidence and a touch of hard times. Money was shy of a Territory where the law-making processes were in the hands of knaves and ineptitudes; and it always will be shy under similar conditions. The legislative ticket of the Home Rule party this year is practically what it was two years ago and if it wins the history of the House and Senate in 1900 will repeat itself. The only way out is by the election of the Republican ticket.

WILCOX AND THE LEPEERS.

There are over twelve hundred lepers in Louisiana alone and yet Wilcox says that the success of his bill would only bring three hundred alien lepers to Molokai, that being, in his opinion, the extent of the leper population of the United States.

In the old Northwest, where so many Scandinavians live, the leper population is believed to exceed the Wilcox estimate for the whole country.

If Molokai should go into Federal hands the chances are almost certain that every American leper would be deported there and the restraint put upon the white and native inmates would be marked by the rigid discipline of a military prison.

As to the segregation of the sexes that, as Senator Burton says, would come as a matter of course. Even if Wilcox opposed this measure, WHICH HE DID NOT DO WHEN THE COMMISSION WAS HERE, Congress would follow its own judgment about it and segregate as a matter of course.

Just now Wilcox is trying to allay the discontent of the lepers with soft words but he is careful not to pledge himself in writing to drop the Federal leper bill altogether.

AS TO MCCARTHY.

C. J. McCarthy, candidate for the Legislature on the Home Rule ticket, yesterday denied that he had ever intimated in a speech that Gov. Dole and his administration were trying to exterminate the Hawaiians. The information came from a trustworthy Hawaiian who said he had heard the speech. Col. McCarthy it was who last August at Waverley Hall declared the time had come for all business men to combine against Wilcox in the interest of the business community, and who now, on the Wilcox ticket, is lauding the head of the ticket while appealing for votes for himself for member of the Legislature.

Even if Col. McCarthy occasionally remembers to forget what he said in an incendiary speech, about people on the other side, he certainly forgets to remember his previous views about his own people.

McCarthy is a pretty good man for Democrats and Home Rulers as well as Republicans to vote against.

Hawaii has been visited by a Fettingrew before, but it is not on record that he did it any harm.

SUGAR CONSUMPTION.

The people of the United States now consume eight times as much sugar per capita as they did in the first quarter of the last century, four times as much as the average per capita during the decade ending with 1850, and twice as much as they did in any year prior to 1820. In the years immediately prior to 1825 the average consumption of sugar was about eight pounds per capita, in the decade 1840-50, about ten pounds per capita, in the years immediately prior to 1870 the average was about 14 1/2 pounds per capita, in 1870-80, 1880-90, 1890-1900, 1900-1910, 1910-1920, 1920-1930, 1930-1940, 1940-1950, 1950-1960, 1960-1970, 1970-1980, 1980-1990, 1990-2000, 2000-2010, 2010-2020, 2020-2030, 2030-2040, 2040-2050, 2050-2060, 2060-2070, 2070-2080, 2080-2090, 2090-2100, 2100-2110, 2110-2120, 2120-2130, 2130-2140, 2140-2150, 2150-2160, 2160-2170, 2170-2180, 2180-2190, 2190-2200, 2200-2210, 2210-2220, 2220-2230, 2230-2240, 2240-2250, 2250-2260, 2260-2270, 2270-2280, 2280-2290, 2290-2300, 2300-2310, 2310-2320, 2320-2330, 2330-2340, 2340-2350, 2350-2360, 2360-2370, 2370-2380, 2380-2390, 2390-2400, 2400-2410, 2410-2420, 2420-2430, 2430-2440, 2440-2450, 2450-2460, 2460-2470, 2470-2480, 2480-2490, 2490-2500, 2500-2510, 2510-2520, 2520-2530, 2530-2540, 2540-2550, 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